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After ten long years, the iron-fisted rule of DOCTOR ROBOTNIK over planet MOBIUS was believed to have finally ended! With the technological tyrant vanquished and his polluted factories shut down, order and beauty were restored to the city of MOBOTROPOLIS. Now the villain has returned to wreak havoc once more, but there are many who are willing to stand against him in the fight for freedom. The bravest among them is a brash, blue streak who just happens to be the fastest thing alive! ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

IT'D BEEN NEARLY SIX 'N A HALF WEEKS SINCE I'D BEEN STRIPPED OF MY ROYAL TITLE...

...AND DURING THAT TIME, PRINCE ELIAS HAD MADE A WHOLE LOTTA OTHER CHANGES 'ROUND KNOTHOLE. FIRST, A BRAND NEW CASTLE ACORN...

... A HOSPITAL CLINIC ...

... A PRISON ...

... AND THE SCARIEST OF 'EM ALL,

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NEW ORDER

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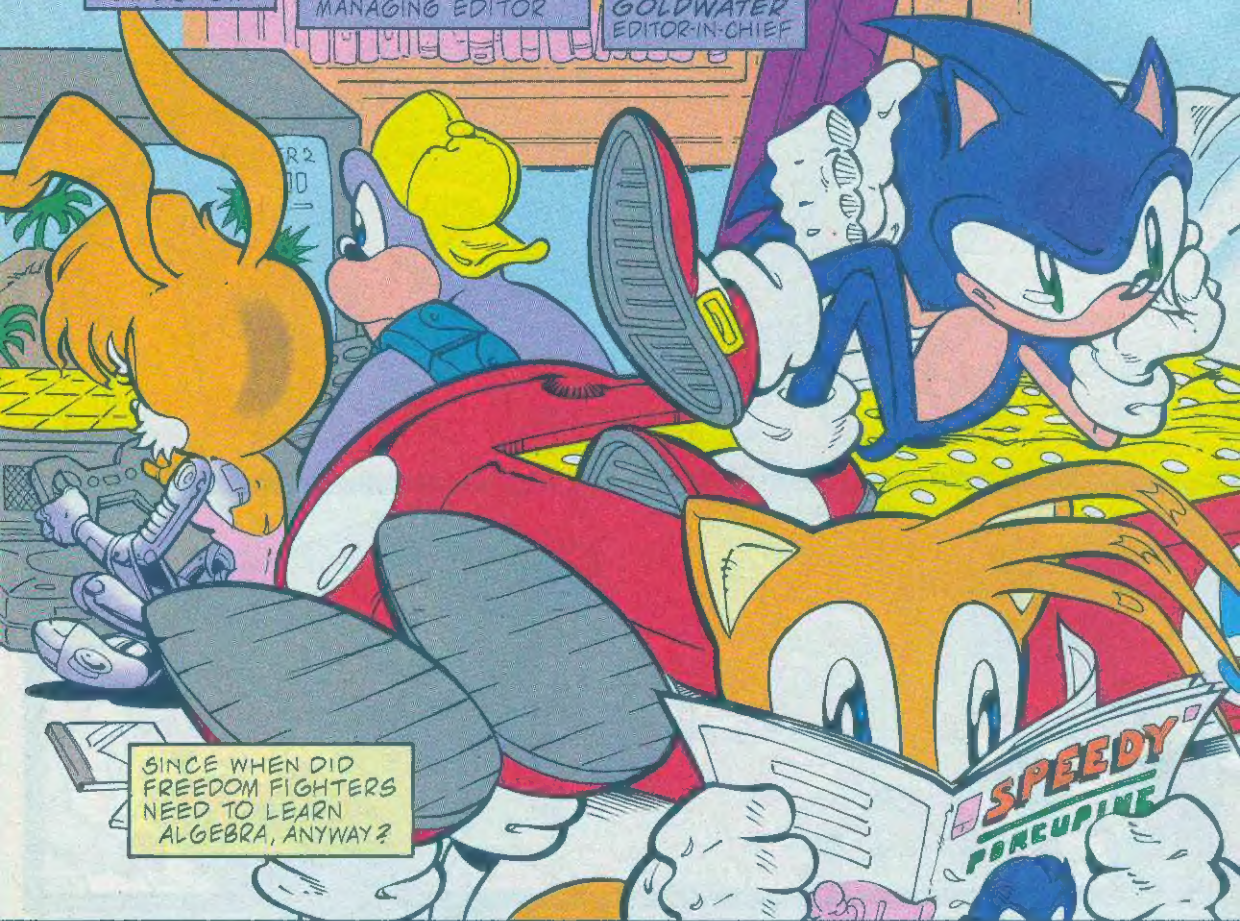
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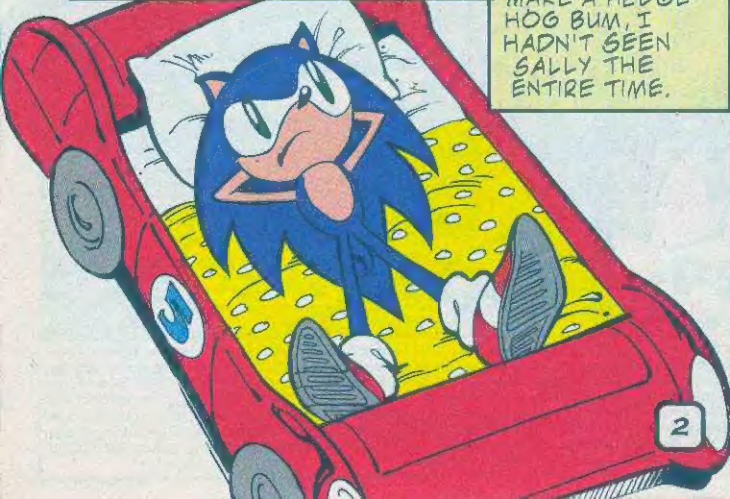
SINCE WHEN DID
FREEDOM FIGHTERS
NEED TO LEARN
ALGEBRA, ANYWAY?

GUESS WE WEREN'T FREEDOM
FIGHTERS--NOT ME, ANYWAY.
'SPECIALLY SINCE I WAS NOT
TO LEAVE THE 'HOLE ANYMORE.

AS IF THAT
WASN'T ENOUGH
TO, LIKE, TOTALLY
MAKE A HEDGE-
HOG BUM, I
HADN'T BEEN
SALLY THE
ENTIRE TIME.

BUNNIE SAID--

DON'T SWEAT IT!
TOMORROW IS THE FIRST
PAYO' CLASSES AND
SHE'S BOUND TO BE
THERE, SUGAH-HOG!

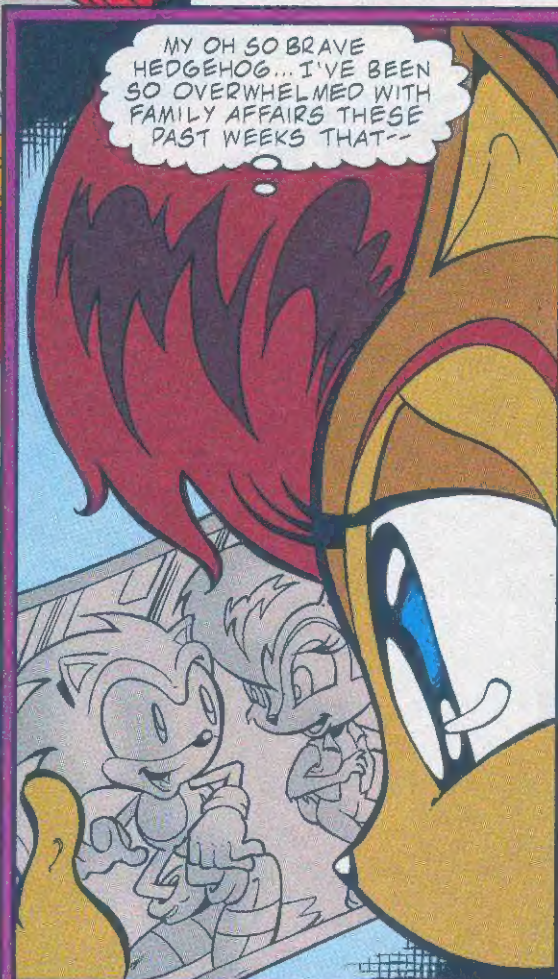


STILL I WONDERED
WHAT SHE WAS DOING
RIGHT THAT VERY
MOMENT...

LET'S SEE...
PENCILS...NOTEBOOK
...RULER...HUH?
WHAT'S THIS?



MY OH SO BRAVE
HEDGEHOG...I'VE BEEN
SO OVERWHELMED WITH
FAMILY AFFAIRS THESE
PAST WEEKS THAT--



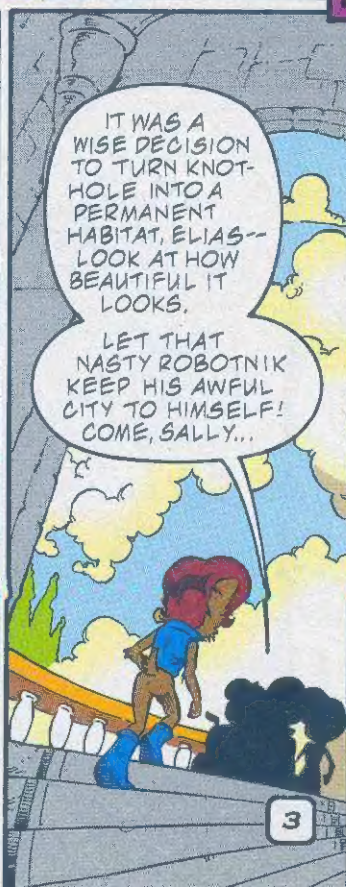
PRINCESS, THE
KING AND QUEEN
HAVE REQUESTED
YOUR PRESENCE ON
THE NORTH
BALCONY.

OH!
T-THANK YOU,
GEOFFREY...



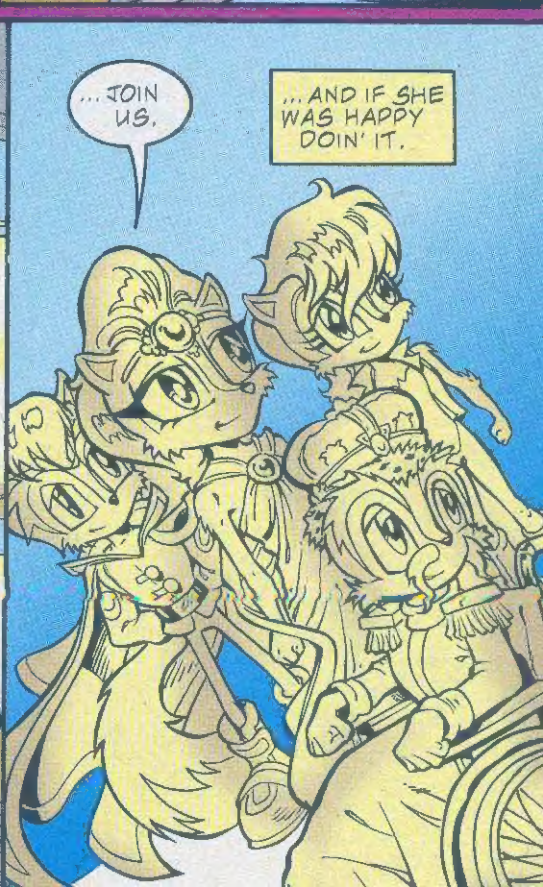
IT WAS A
WISE DECISION
TO TURN KNOT-
HOLE INTO A
PERMANENT
HABITAT, ELIAS--
LOOK AT HOW
BEAUTIFUL IT
LOOKS.

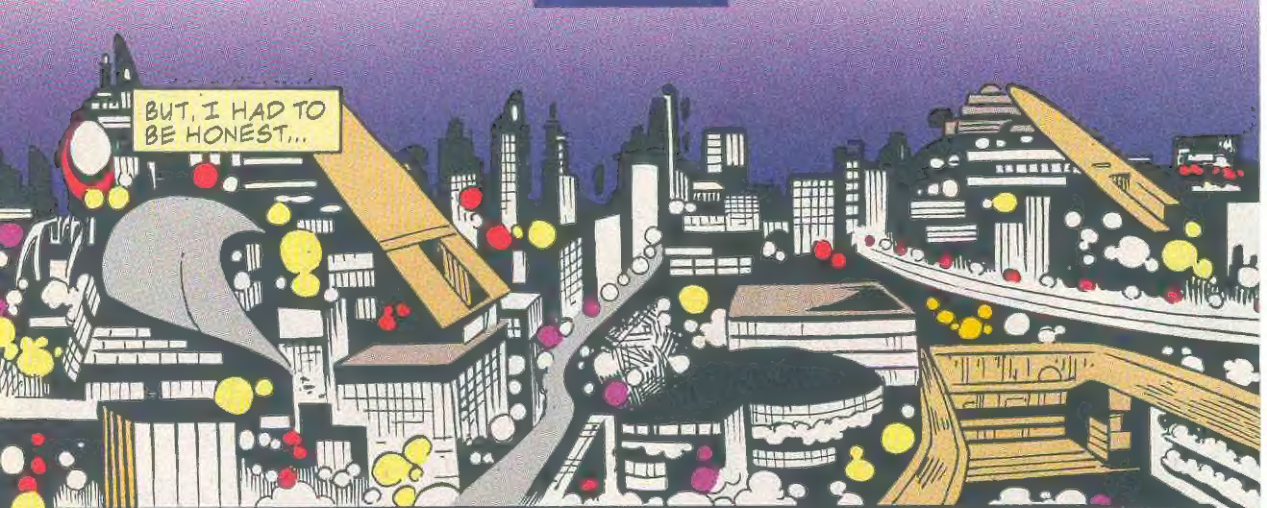
LET THAT
NASTY ROBOTNIK
KEEP HIS AWFUL
CITY TO HIMSELF!
COME, SALLY...



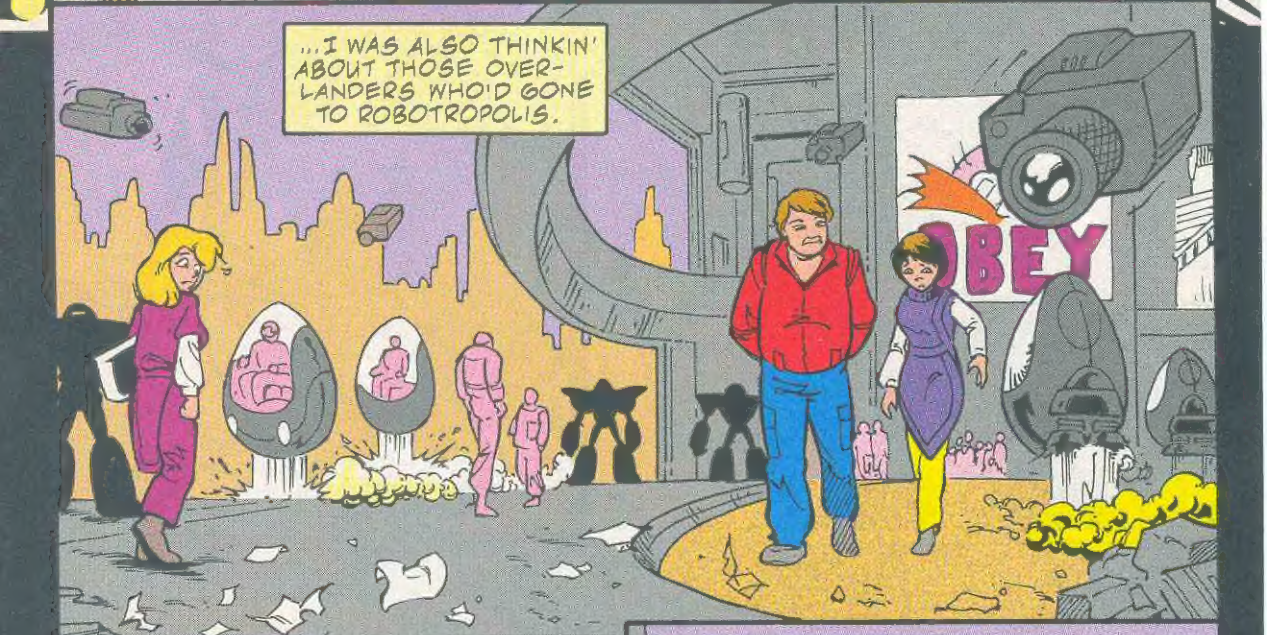
...JOIN
US.

...AND IF SHE
WAS HAPPY
DOIN' IT.





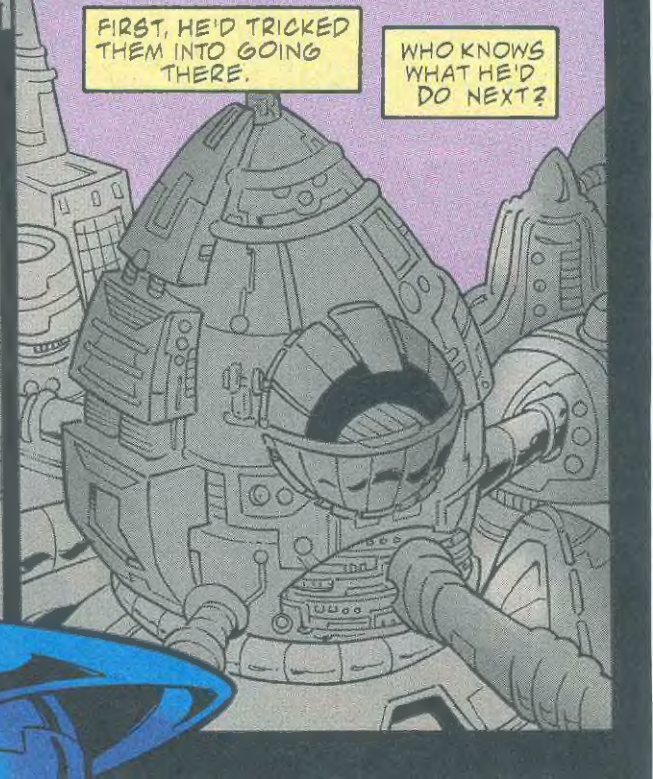
BUT, I HAD TO
BE HONEST...



...I WAS ALSO THINKIN'
ABOUT THOSE OVER-
LANDERS WHO'D GONE
TO ROBOTROPOLIS.

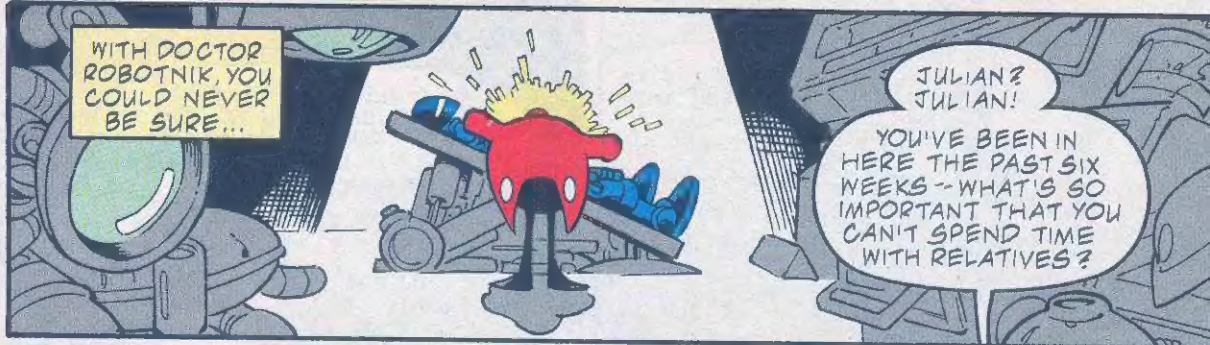


FIRST, HE'D TRICKED
THEM INTO GOING
THERE.



WHO KNOWS
WHAT HE'D
DO NEXT?

THE TIME IS NOW
8:45 PM--THREE
THOUSAND SECONDS
TO CURFEW.



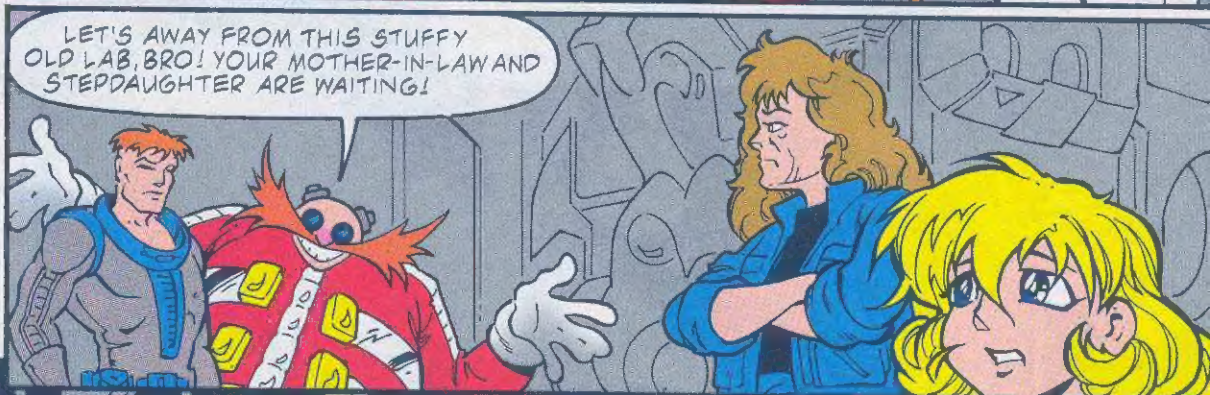
WITH DOCTOR
ROBOTNIK, YOU
COULD NEVER
BE SURE...

JULIAN?
JULIAN!

YOU'VE BEEN IN
HERE THE PAST SIX
WEEKS - WHAT'S SO
IMPORTANT THAT YOU
CAN'T SPEND TIME
WITH RELATIVES?



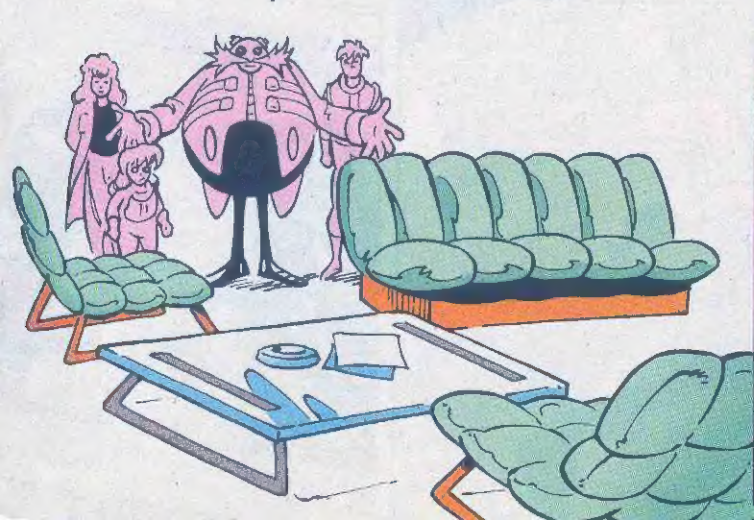
:-GROAN:- YOU'RE
ABSOLUTELY RIGHT,
COLIN! HOW DAFFY
OF ME!



LET'S AWAY FROM THIS STUFFY
OLD LAB, BRO! YOUR MOTHER-IN-LAW AND
STEPDAUGHTER ARE WAITING!



MAKE YOURSELVES
COMFORTABLE!



JULIAN, ARE THOSE ROBOTS
NECESSARY INSIDE THE CITY?
COULDN'T THEY GUARD THE
OUTER PERIMETER?

:-AHEM:- WHY
CERTAINLY, LADY
AGNUS, BUT THEN THE
FURRIES MIGHT GET
IN!

WASN'T
THIS *THEIR*
CITY?





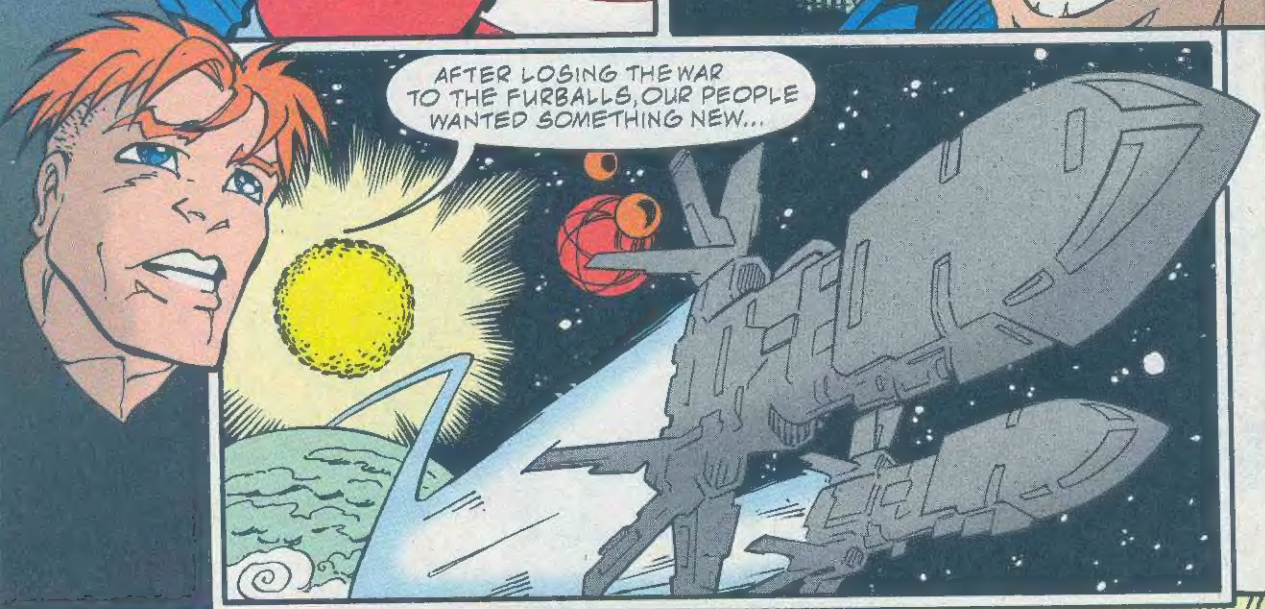
JULIAN, YOU'VE CHANGED SO MUCH SINCE THE LAST TIME I SAW YOU...

WELL, I ER...



AS MINISTER OF JUSTICE, I SENTENCED YOU TO TEN YEARS IN PRISON. I WAS OBVIOUSLY IN ERROR-- YOU'RE A DIFFERENT PERSON.

UH...YES, BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU, COLIN? WHY WERE YOU IN OUTER SPACE?

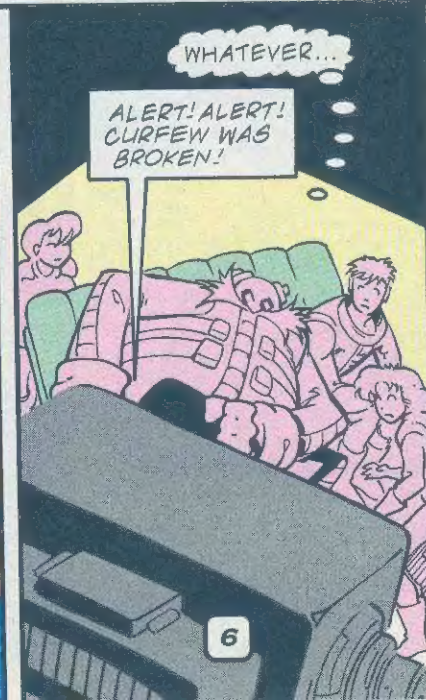


AFTER LOSING THE WAR TO THE FURBALLS, OUR PEOPLE WANTED SOMETHING NEW...



UH, HELLOOOO! SEE-KAY! I'M OVER HERE!

SORRY, I WAS JUST REMEMBERING THE DAY WE BLASTED OFF...

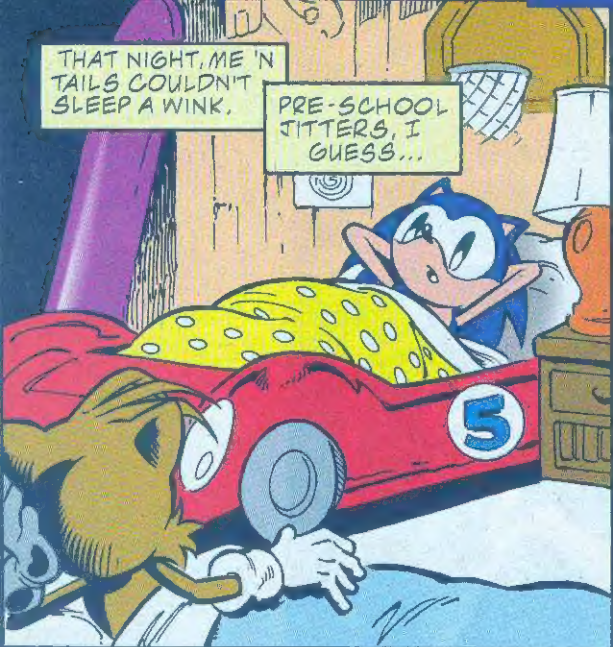


WHATEVER...

ALERT! ALERT! CURFEW WAS BROKEN!

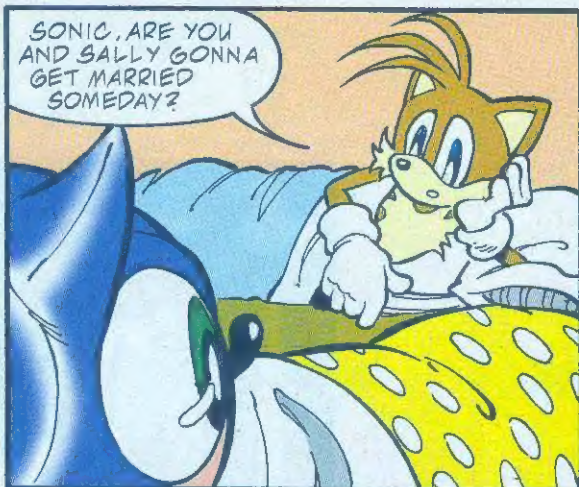


SNIVELY!



THAT NIGHT, ME 'N
TAILS COULDN'T
SLEEP A WINK.

PRE-SCHOOL
JITTERS, I
GUESS...

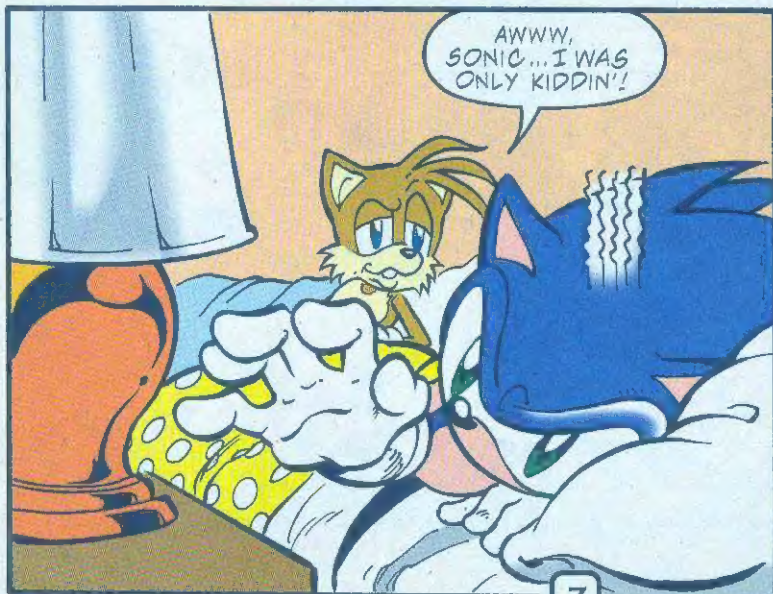


SONIC, ARE YOU
AND SALLY GONNA
GET MARRIED
SOMEDAY?

HAVEN'T REALLY
THOUGHT ABOUT IT.
'SIDES, WE'RE WAAAAAY
TOO YOUNG TO TIE THE
KNOT... AND SHE
PROBABLY HATES ME
ANYWAY...



NO WAY! THE
PRINCESS LOOOOOVES
YOU!



AWWW,
SONIC... I WAS
ONLY KIDDIN'!



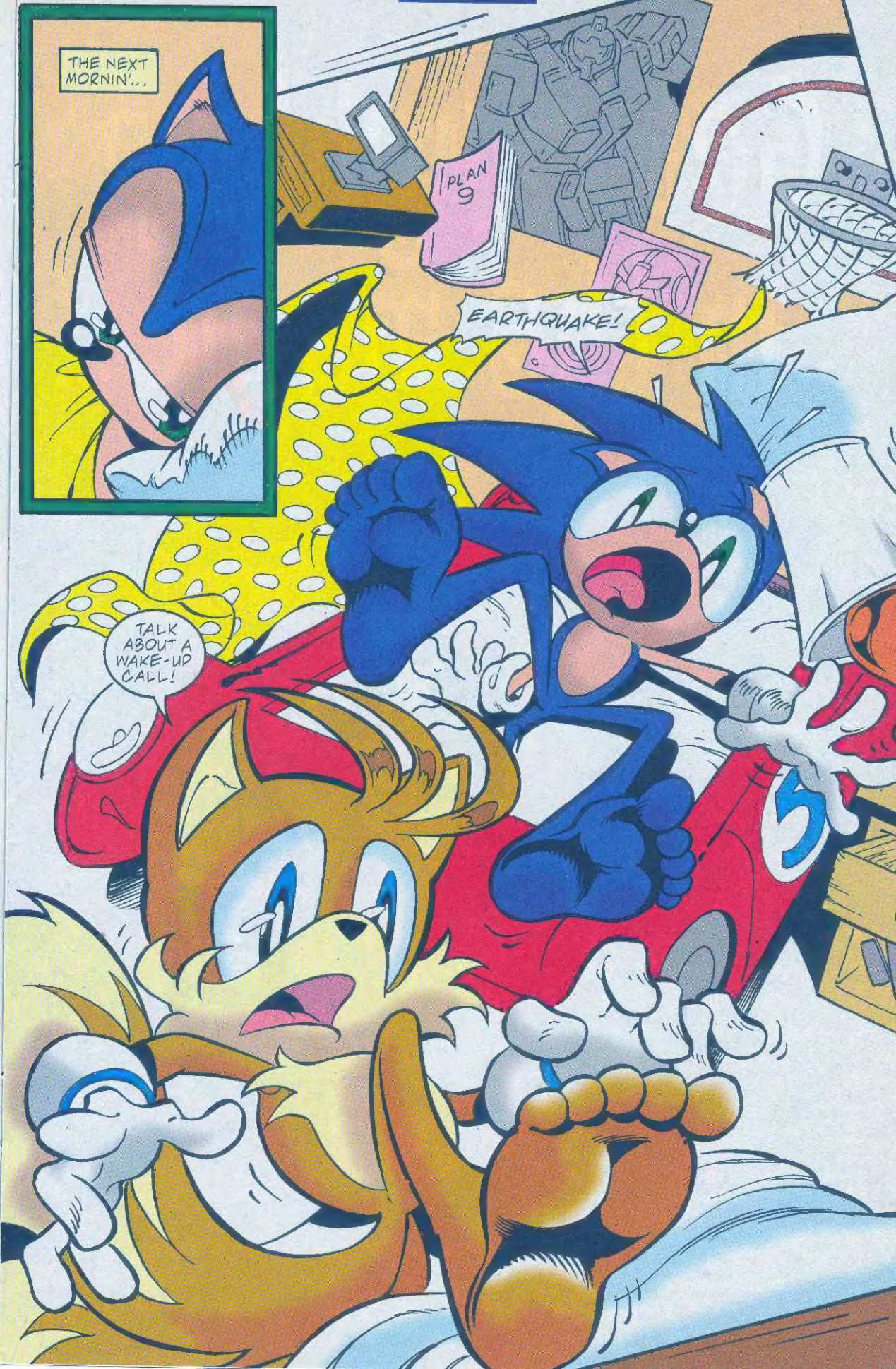
0'NIGHT,
BUD.

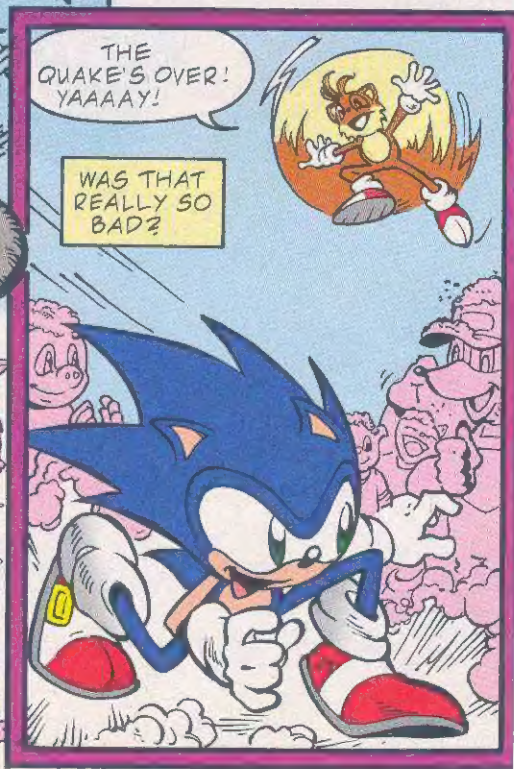
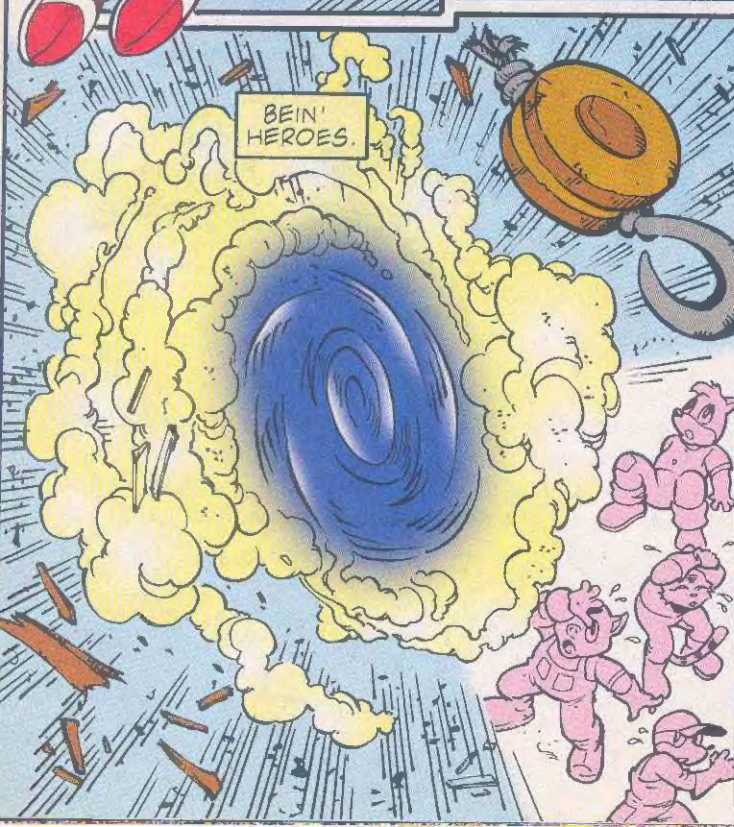
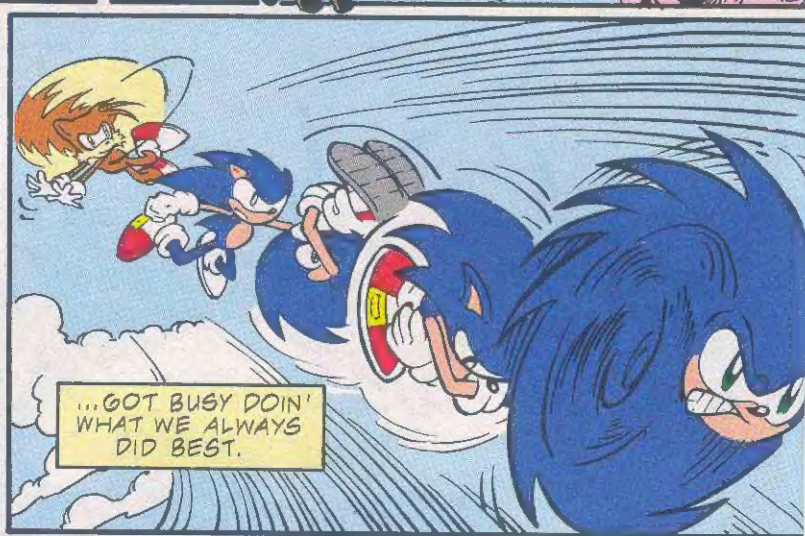
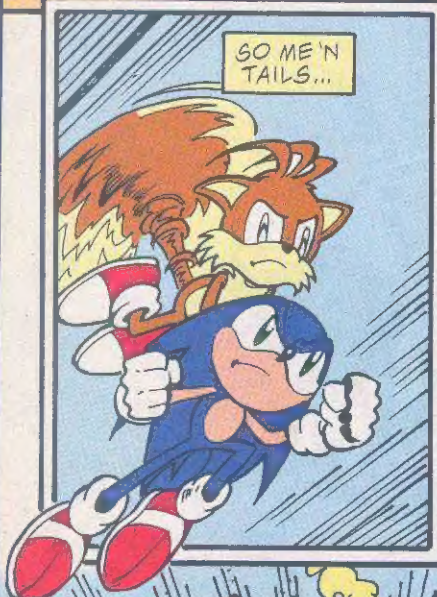
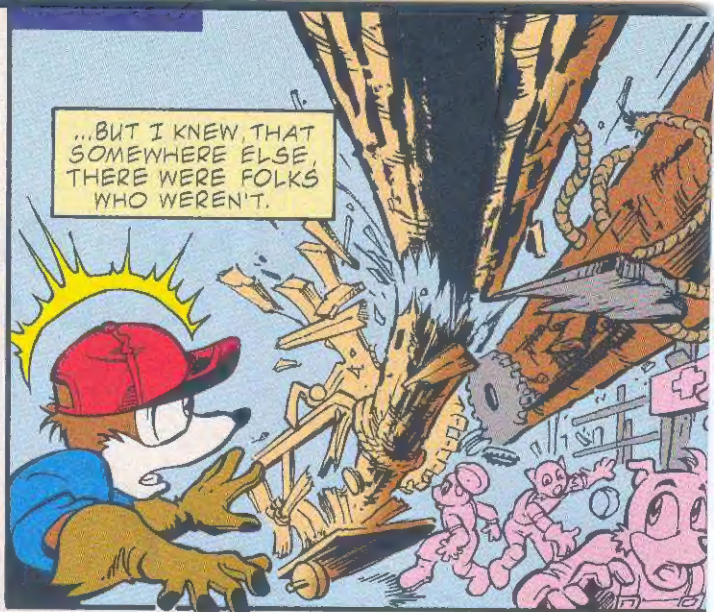
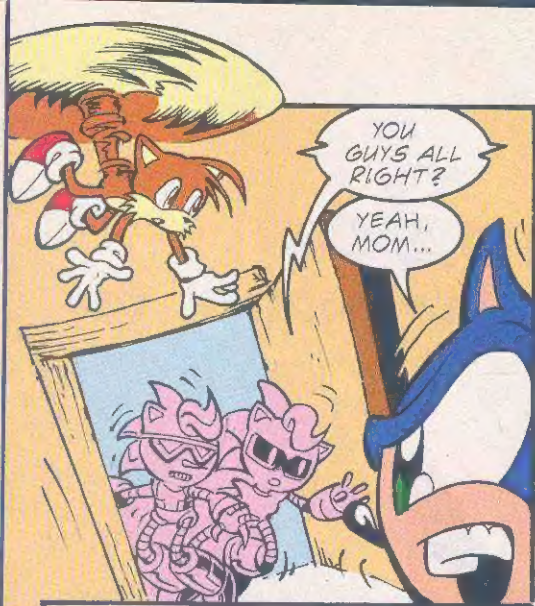
THE NEXT
MORNIN'...

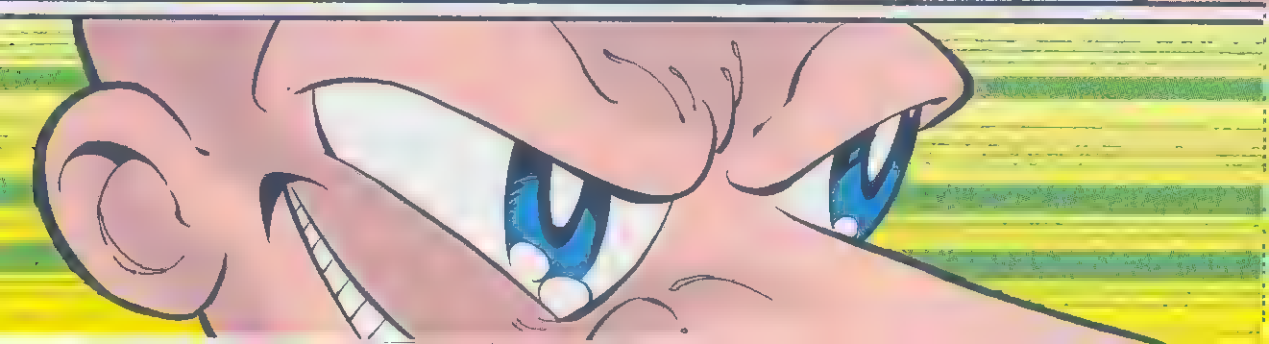
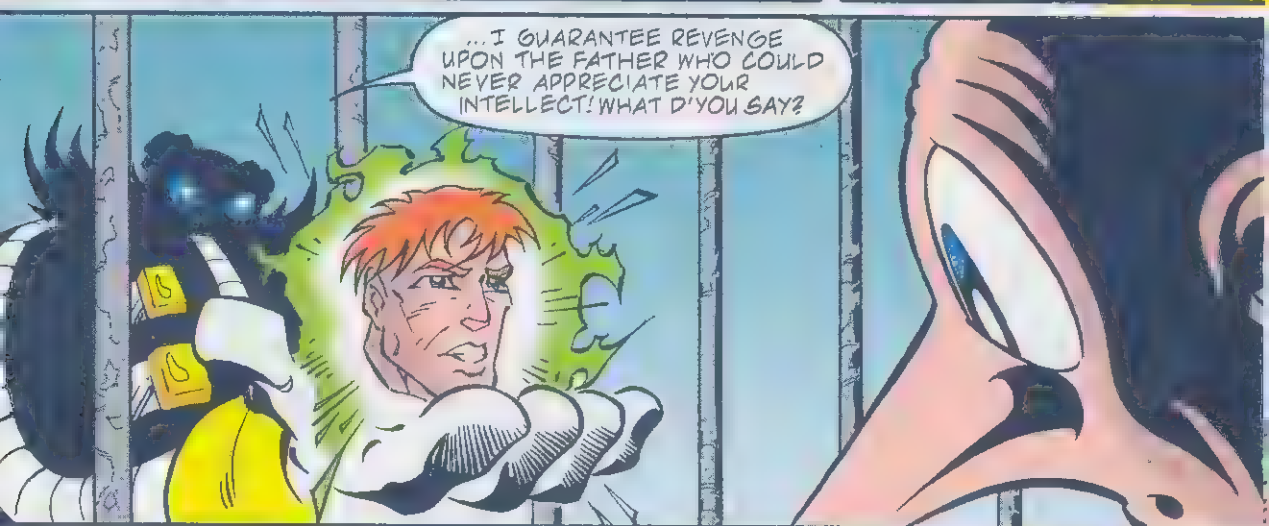
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EARTHQUAKE!

TALK
ABOUT A
WAKE-UP
CALL!

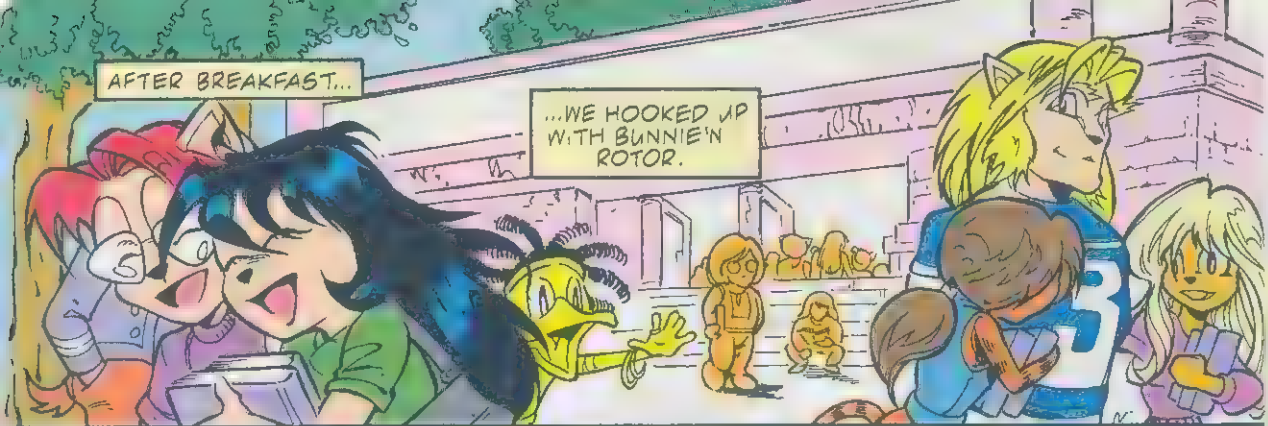






AFTER BREAKFAST...

...WE HOOKED UP
WITH BUNNIE'N
ROTOR.

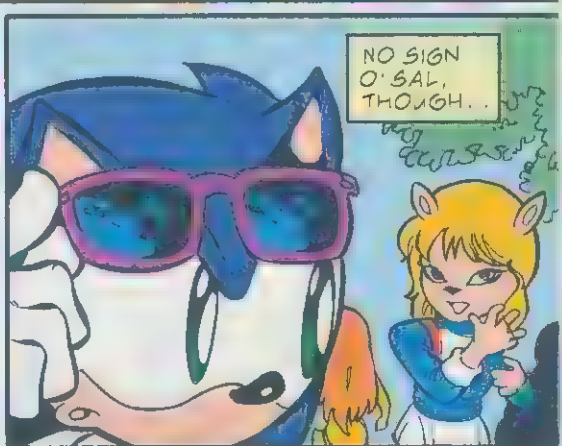


WE'RE LIKE
SOD GGIN' THE
NEW DO,
HOMEGIR..!

THANKS
Y ALL!



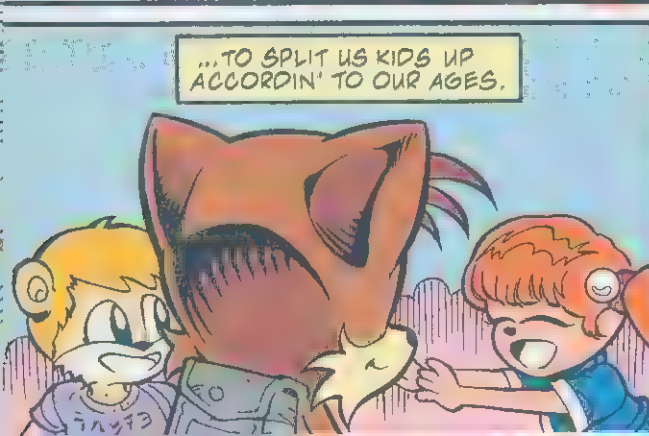
NO SIGN
O' SAL,
THOUGH...



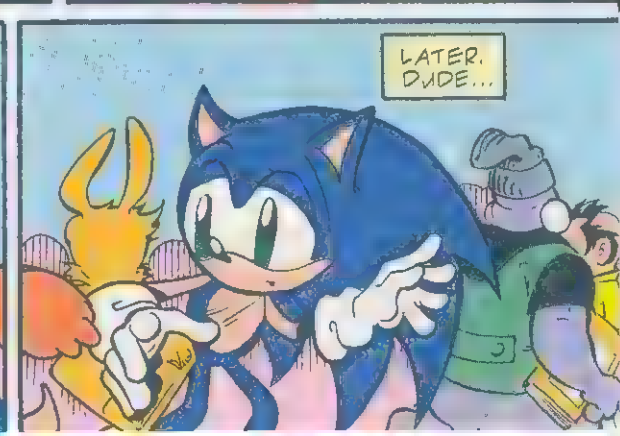
...AND BEFORE I COULD
FIND OUT WHY NOT, THE
PRINCIPAL SHOWED UP..

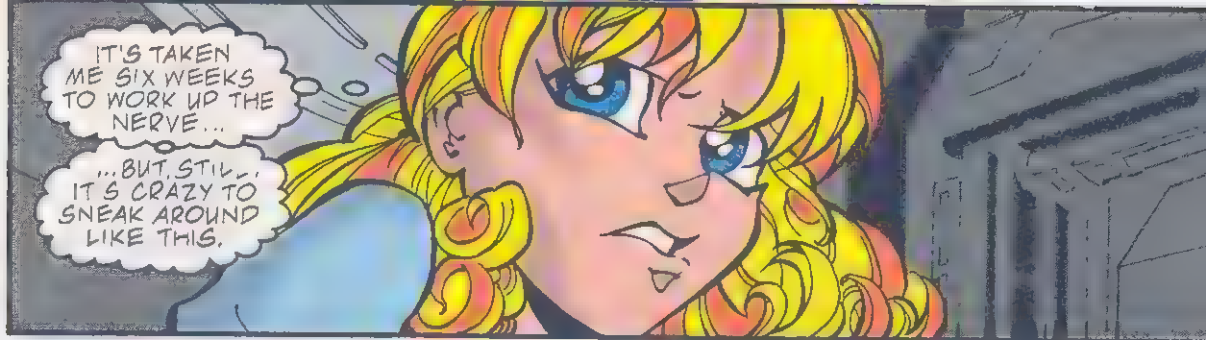


...TO SPLIT US KIDS UP
ACCORDIN' TO OUR AGES.



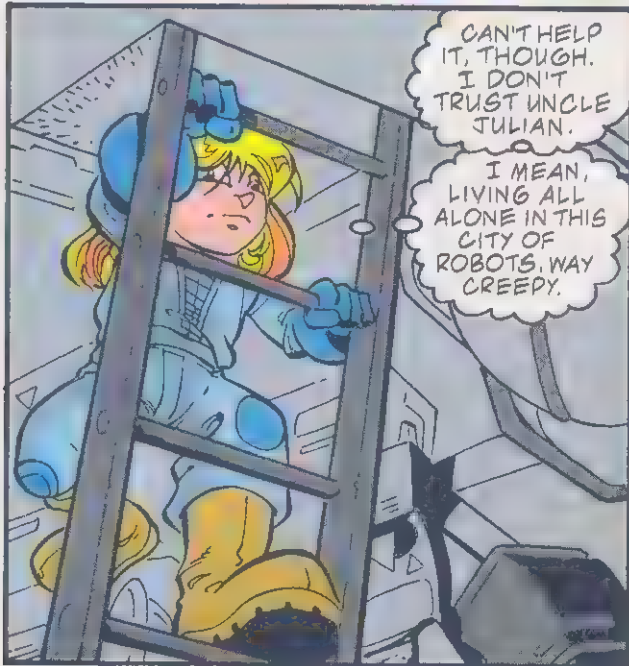
LATER,
DUDE...





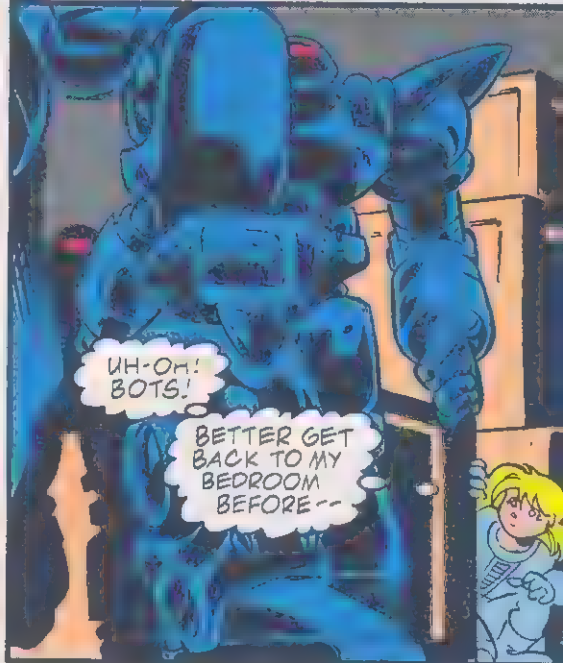
IT'S TAKEN
ME SIX WEEKS
TO WORK UP THE
NERVE...

...BUT, STILL...
IT'S CRAZY TO
SNEAK AROUND
LIKE THIS.



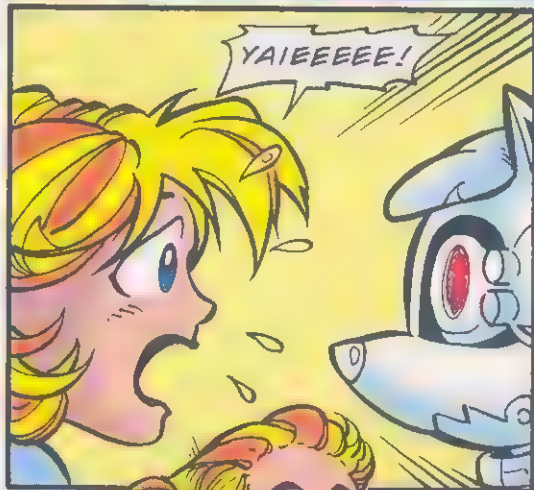
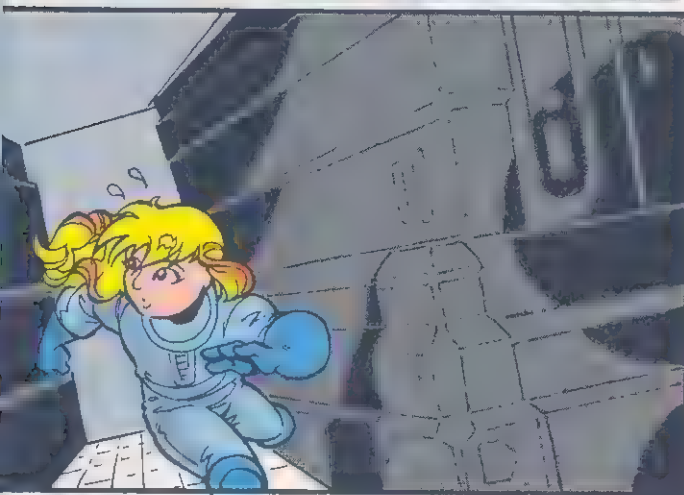
CAN'T HELP
IT, THOUGH.
I DON'T
TRUST UNCLE
JULIAN.

I MEAN,
LIVING ALL
ALONE IN THIS
CITY OF
ROBOTS, WAY
CREEPY.

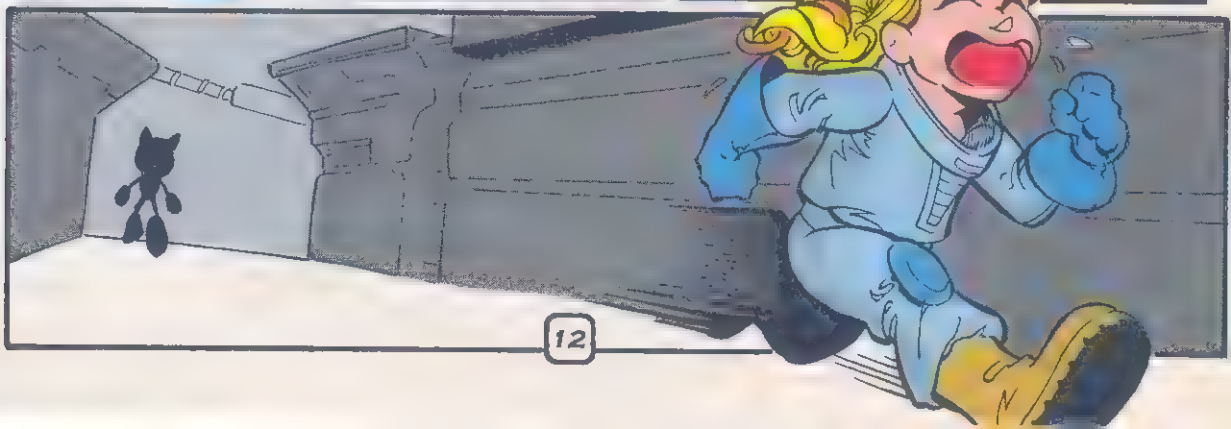


UH-OH!
BOTS!

BETTER GET
BACK TO MY
BEDROOM
BEFORE--



YAAAAAAAAA!



HEY, YOU'RE SONIC'S SIDEKICK, TAILS, RIGHT? I'M CODY.

PLEASUED TO MEET YA CODY!

UH-OH! WHERE'S MY BOOKBAG?

GOTTA FIND IT, FAST!

THIS DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE!

I'VE RETRACED MY FOOTSTEPS EXACTLY, AND THERE'S NO SIGN OF--

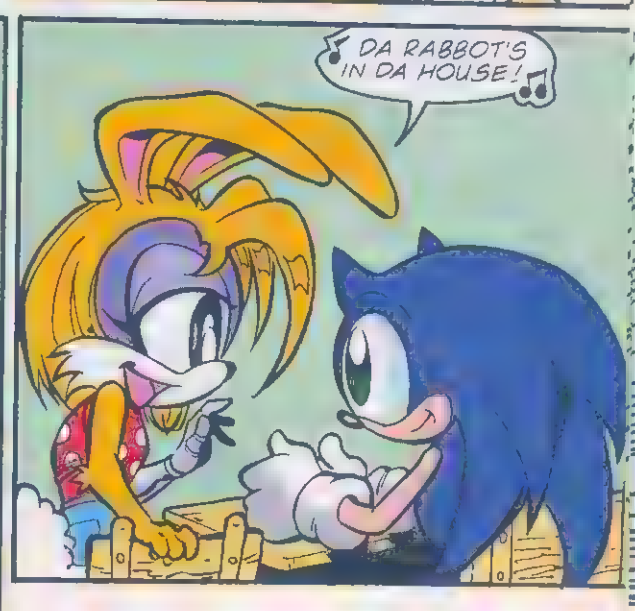
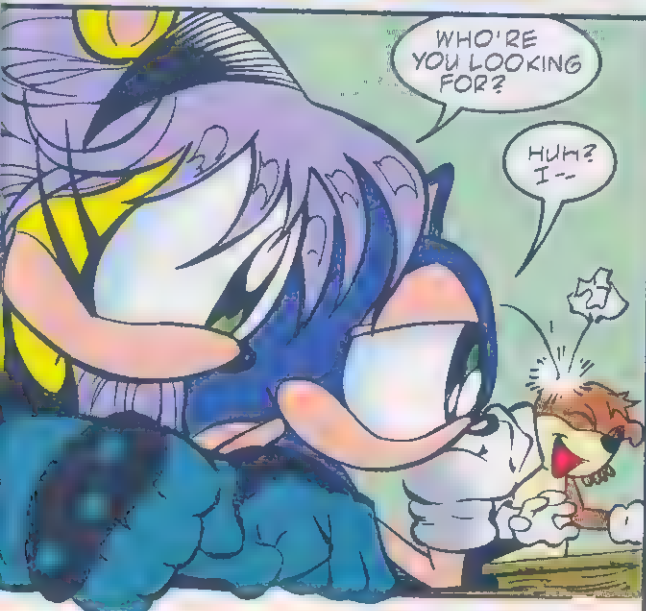
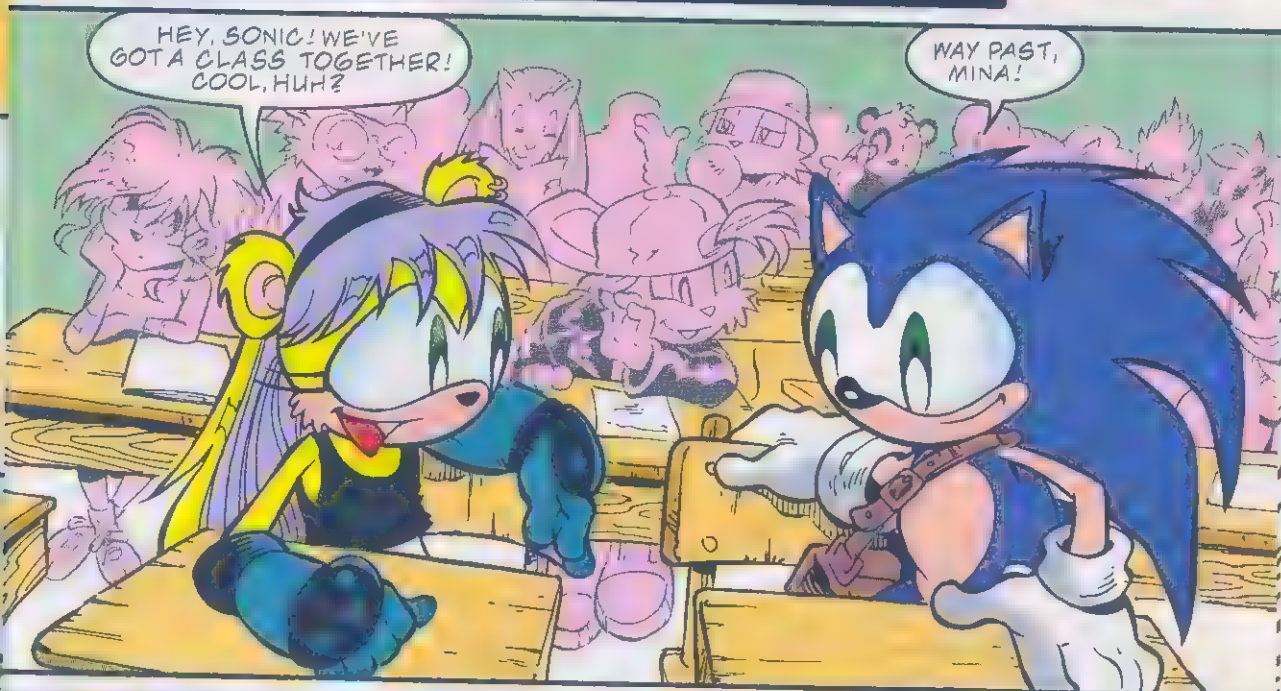
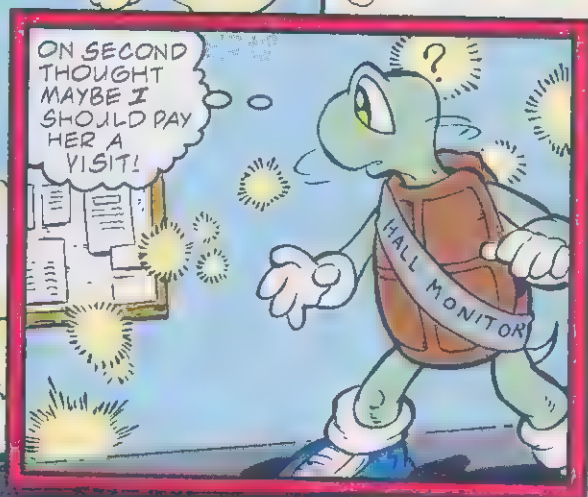
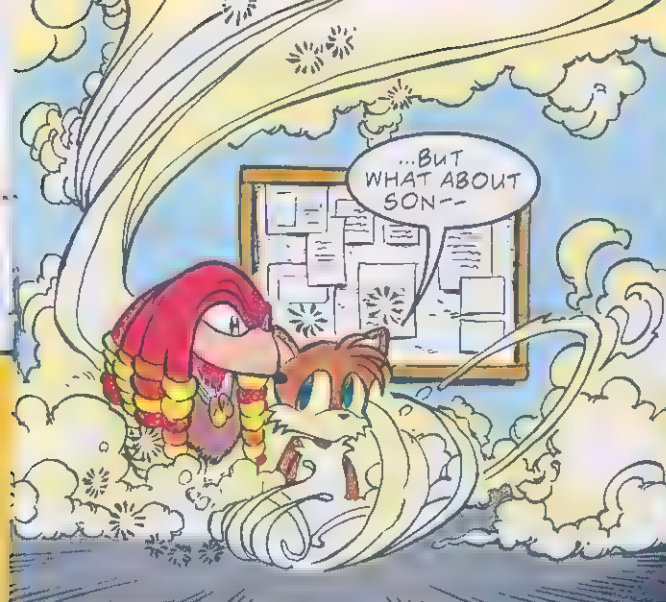
ATHA.R!? WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?

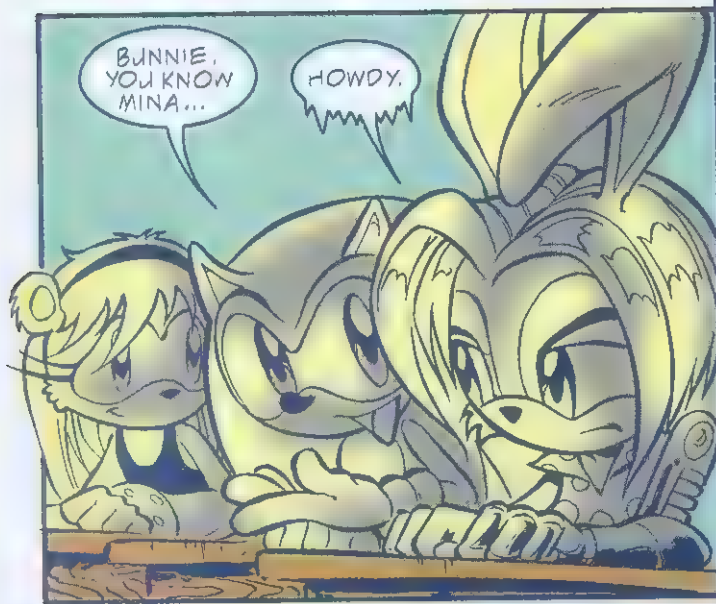
YOU SEEN MY BOOKBAG?

NO TIME FOR QUESTIONS, "CHOSEN ONE". YOU ARE NEEDED.

WHO'S THAT KID TALKING TO? I'D BETTER GET HIM TO CLASS...

..OR TO THE NURSE!



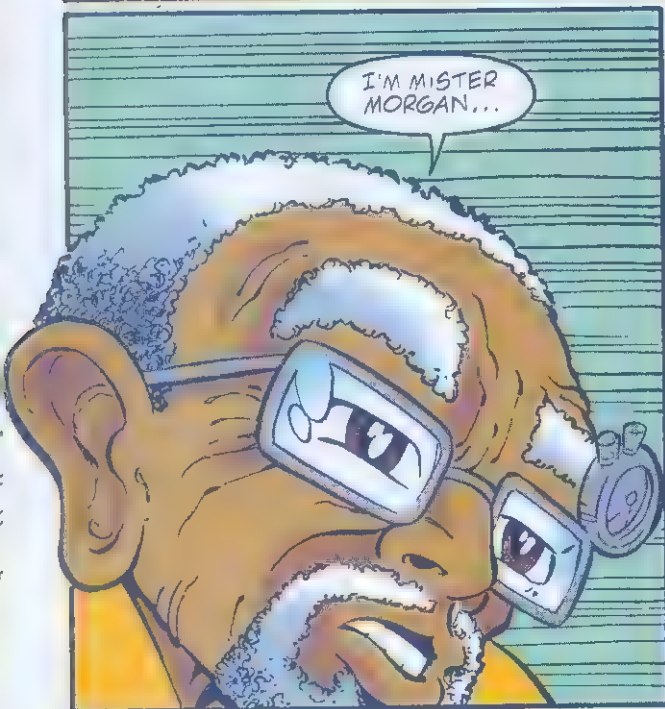


BUNNIE,
YOU KNOW
MINA...

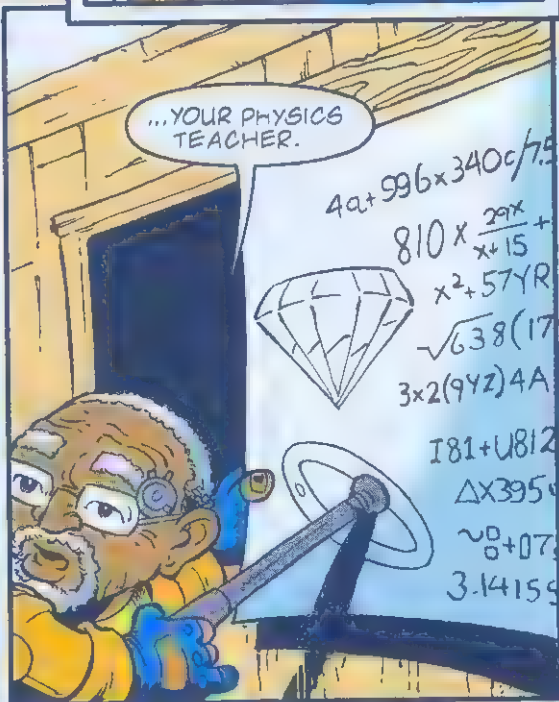
HOWDY.



ALL RIGHT,
CLASS, SETTLE
DOWN, PLEASE.



I'M MISTER
MORGAN...



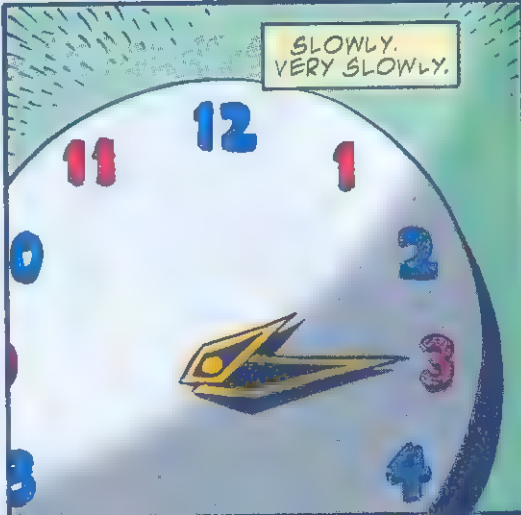
...YOUR PHYSICS
TEACHER.



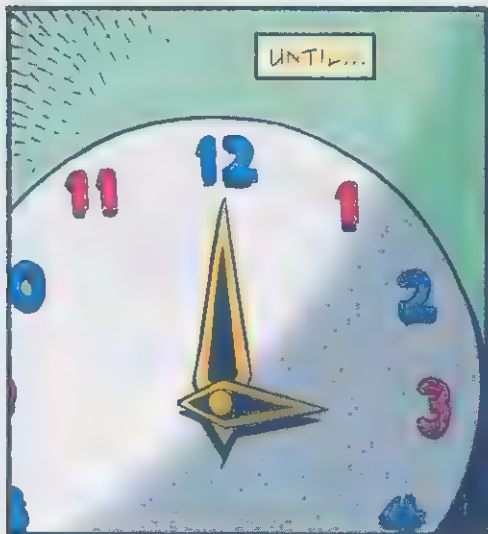
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I TOLD
MYSELF THAT
THIS COULDN'T
POSSIBLY BE
HAPPENING,
BUT IT WAS.



SLOWLY.
VERY SLOWLY.



Born to the most noble of Echidna houses, the latest to continue the family heritage and responsibility as Guardian of The Floating Island, defender of all against the forces of evil from the world beyond as well as those who would threaten from within!

ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... **KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!**

HAVING BEEN RECRUITED BY THE ECHIDNA HIGH COUNCIL ON ALBION TO TRACK DOWN AND BRING BACK... **KNUCKLES**

NIC THE WEASEL IS SOMEWHAT NONPLUSED WHEN HER BROTHER TURNS UP EMPTY-HANDED AFTER SHE WITNESSED KNUCKLES [FORCED TO SURRENDER WHEN HIS FRIEND CHARMY BEE AND LOVELY FIANCEE SAFRON WHO WERE THREATENED WITH SERIOUS BODILY HARM] DEPART THE SCENE WITH NACK ONLY MINUTES AGO...

WHOA!

DON'T TELL ME THE ECHIDNA GAVE YOU THE SLIP!

ON THE CONTRARY--I MADE AN EARLY DELIVERY!

GUESS OUR EMPLOYERS COULDN'T WAIT UNTIL WE RETURNED!

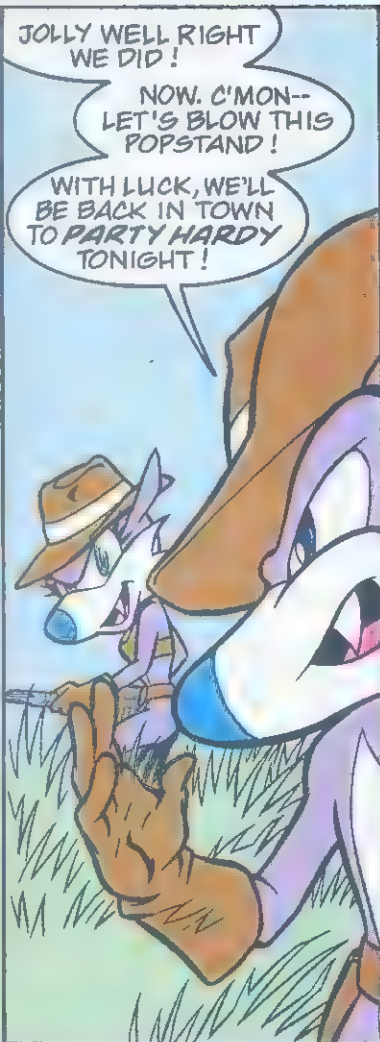
WE EVEN GOT A NICE-SIZED BONUS FOR OUR TROUBLE!

WE DID?

THE BEST LAID PLANS...

ANOTHER SEGA-INSPIRED STORY BY

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JOLLY WELL RIGHT WE DID!

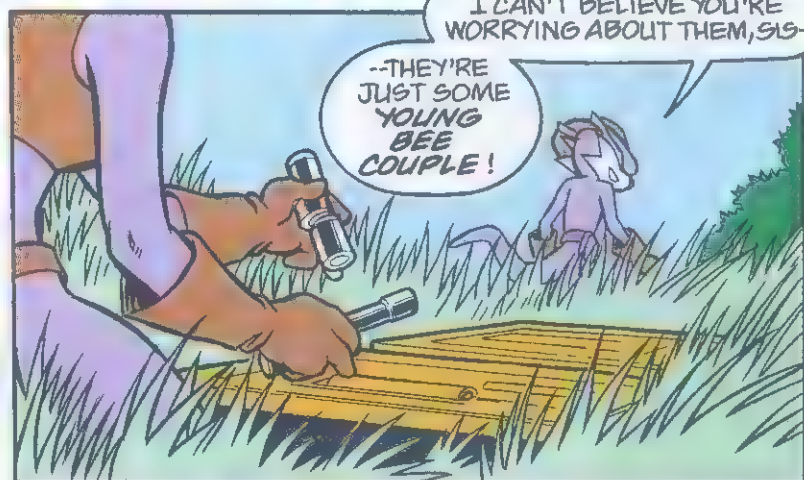
NOW. C'MON--
LET'S BLOW THIS
POPSTAND!

WITH LUCK, WE'LL
BE BACK IN TOWN
TO PARTY HARDY
TONIGHT!



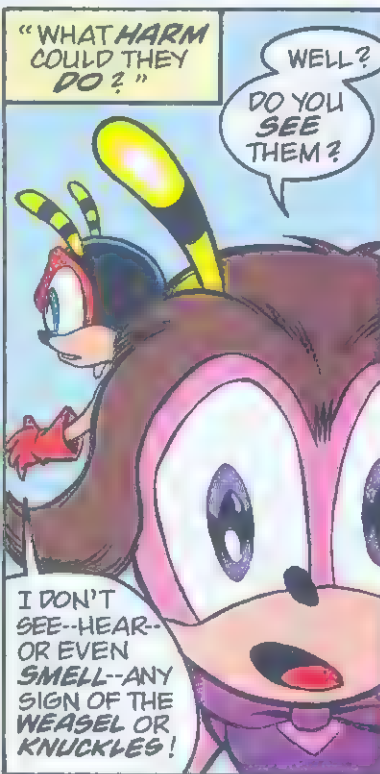
WHAT ABOUT THE
HAPPY COUPLE?

THINK
THEY'RE STILL
WHERE YOU
LEFT THEM
SWEATING
IT OUT?



I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE
WORRYING ABOUT THEM, SIS--

--THEY'RE
JUST SOME
YOUNG
BEE
COUPLE!

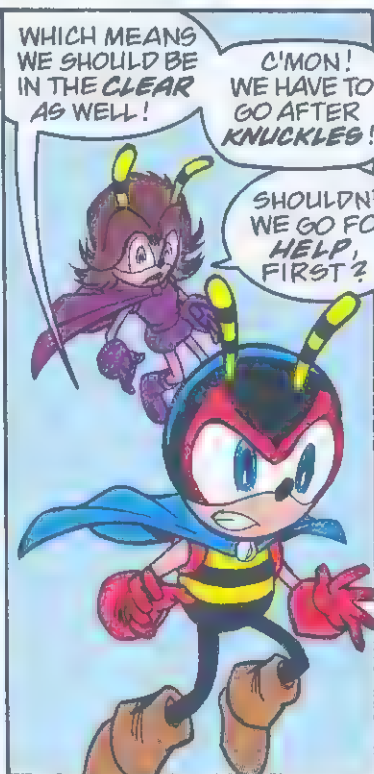


"WHAT HARM
COULD THEY
DO?"

WELL?

DO YOU
SEE
THEM?

I DON'T
SEE--HEAR--
OR EVEN
SMELL--ANY
SIGN OF THE
WEASEL OR
KNUCKLES!



WHICH MEANS
WE SHOULD BE
IN THE CLEAR
AS WELL!

C'MON!
WE HAVE TO
GO AFTER
KNUCKLES!

SHOULDN'T
WE GO FOR
HELP,
FIRST?



THERE'S
NO TIME,
SAFRON!

FROM THE
SOUND OF
THINGS--

"--IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE WE'VE A MOMENT TO SPARE!"

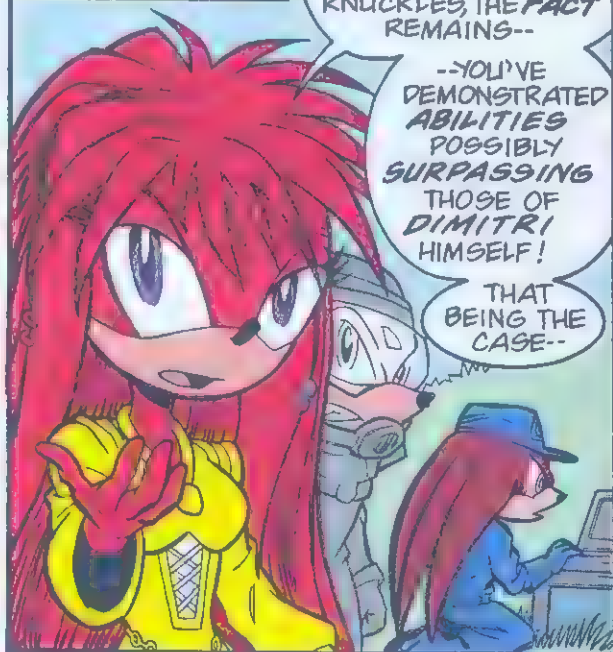
AS MUCH AS I WISH WE COULD AVOID ALL THIS UNPLEASANTNESS, KNUCKLES, THE FACT REMAINS--

--YOU'VE DEMONSTRATED ABILITIES POSSIBLY SURPASSING THOSE OF DIMITRI HIMSELF!

THAT BEING THE CASE--

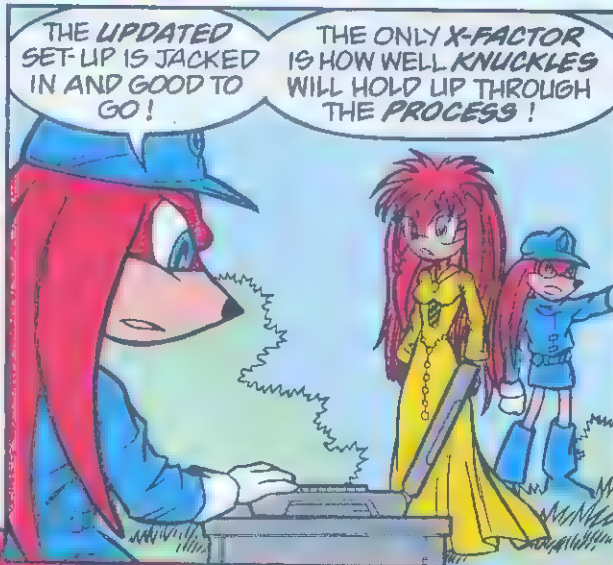
--IT'S UP TO US TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO NULLIFY THAT THREAT--

--INCLUDING RESORTING TO THE USE OF A CHAOS SYPHON ITSELF!



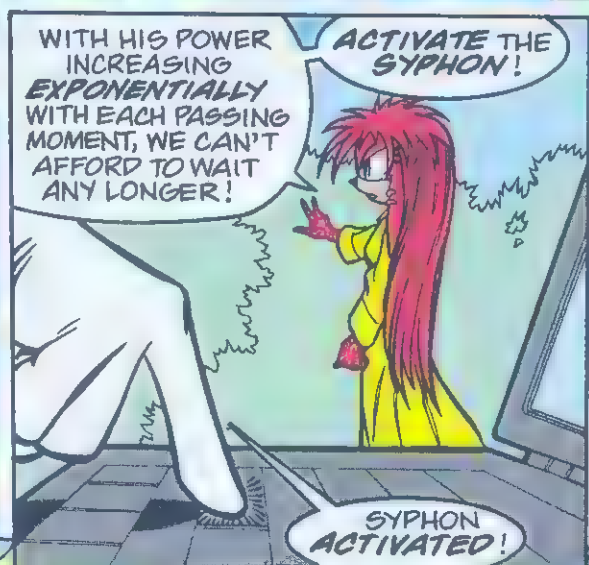
THE UPDATED SET-UP IS JACKED IN AND GOOD TO GO!

THE ONLY X-FACTOR IS HOW WELL KNUCKLES WILL HOLD UP THROUGH THE PROCESS!



WITH HIS POWER INCREASING EXPONENTIALLY WITH EACH PASSING MOMENT, WE CAN'T AFFORD TO WAIT ANY LONGER!

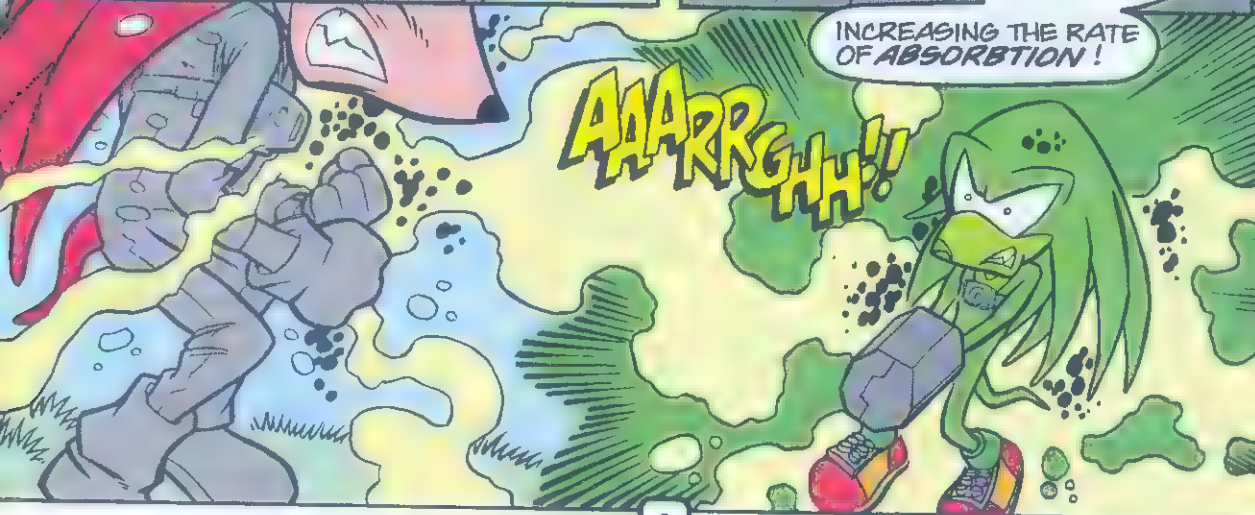
ACTIVATE THE SYPHON!

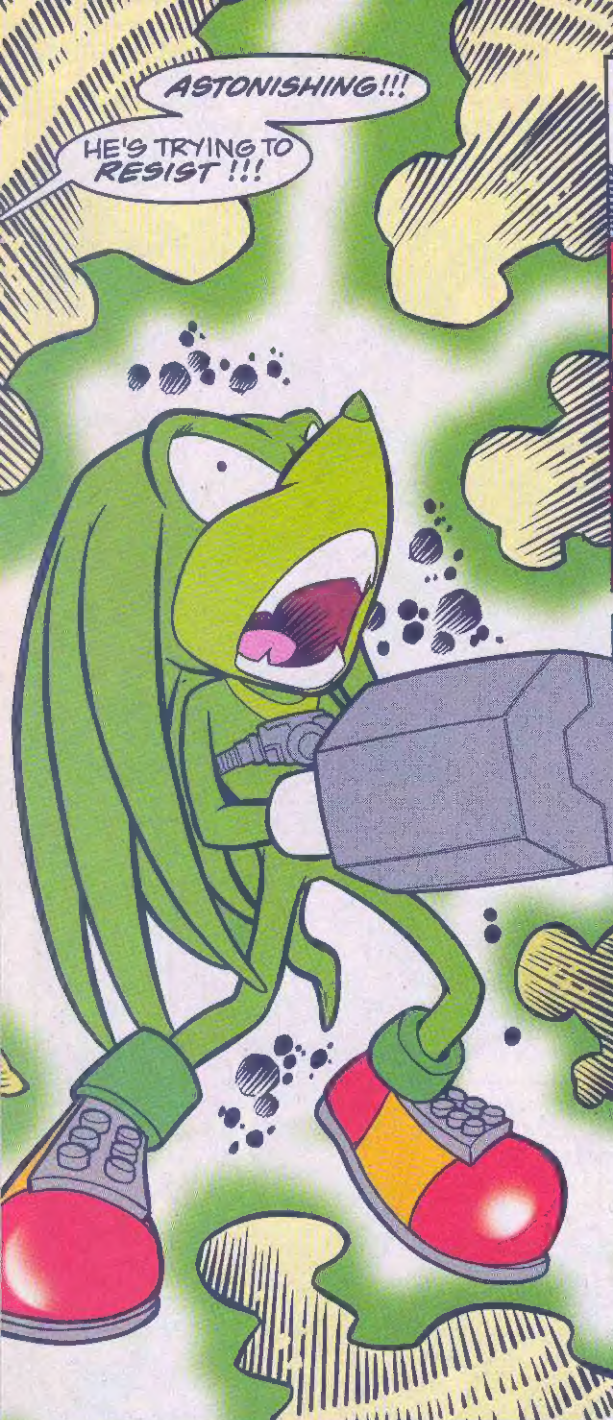


SYPHON ACTIVATED!

INCREASING THE RATE OF ABSORPTION!

AAARRGHH!!





ASTONISHING!!!

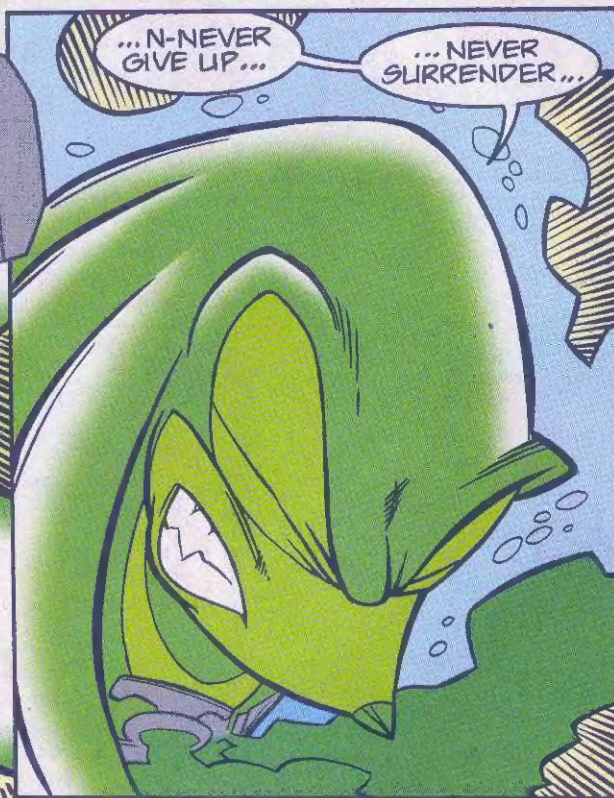
HE'S TRYING TO
RESIST !!!



WILL HE
BE ABLE
TO BREAK
FREE ?

LINKNOWN, COUNCILOR
GALA-NA !

THE
READINGS ARE
OFF THE
DIAL !



...N-NEVER
GIVE UP...

... NEVER
SURRENDER...

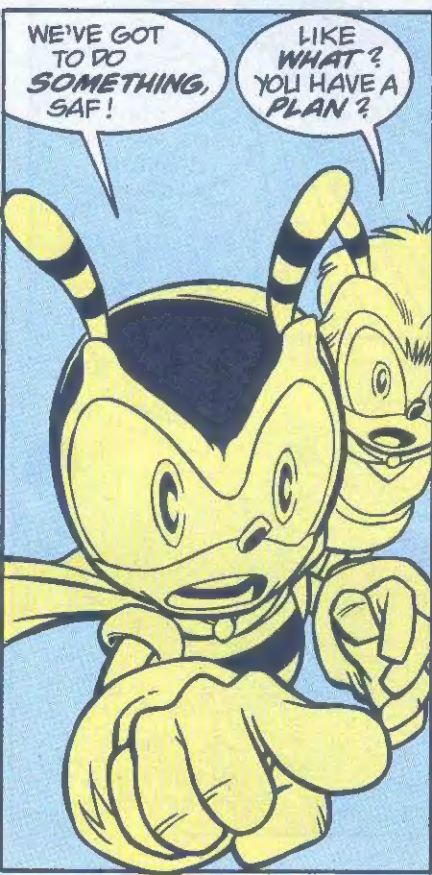
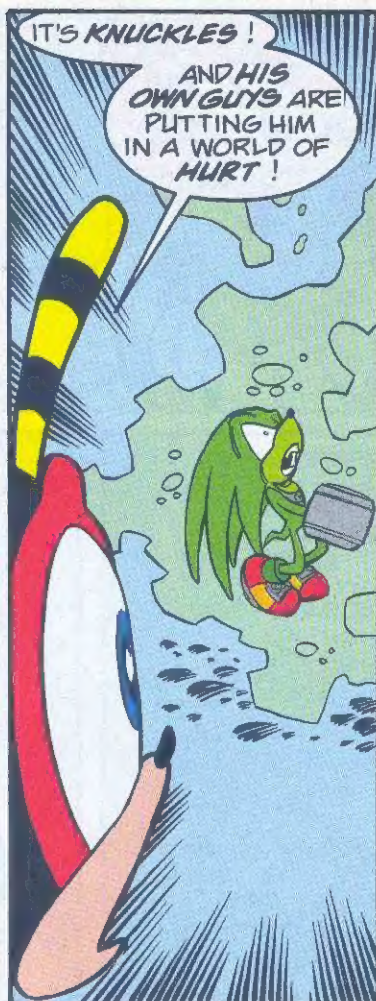
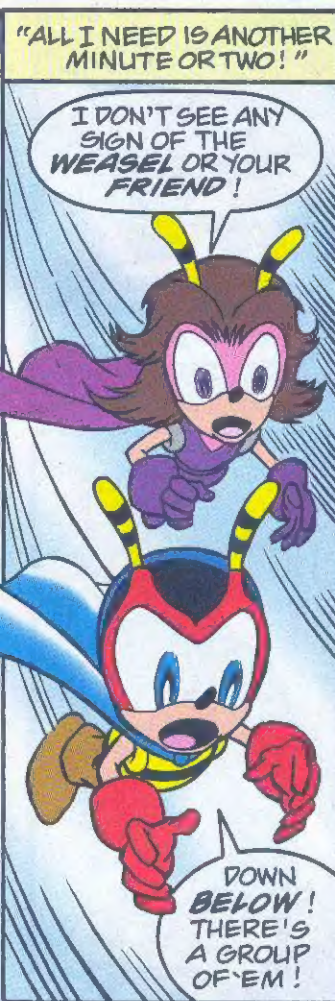


I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH MORE
OF THIS GIZMO I CAN HANDLE !

FEELS LIKE
I'M ABOUT TO
OVERLOAD !

STAY
WITH IT!!

I'M
REROUTING
THE MATRIX
CONDUITS !





YOU TAKE THE **TECHNO-GECK**--

--WHILE I TAKE OUT THE **HEAVY ARTILLERY**!



JUST BECAUSE I'M A **GIRL**--

--DOESN'T MEAN I CAN'T HANDLE THE **TOUGH JOBS**!

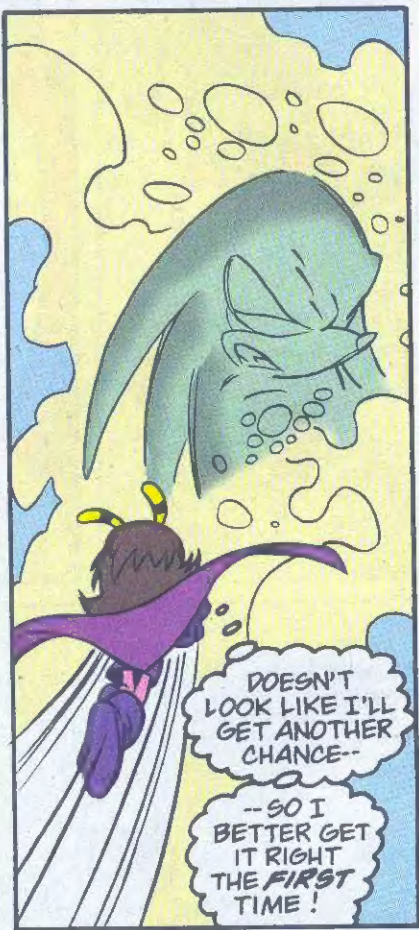
SAF, I **DIDN'T** MEAN--



I'LL **WORRY** ABOUT PUTTING MY FOOT IN MY MOUTH **LATER**!

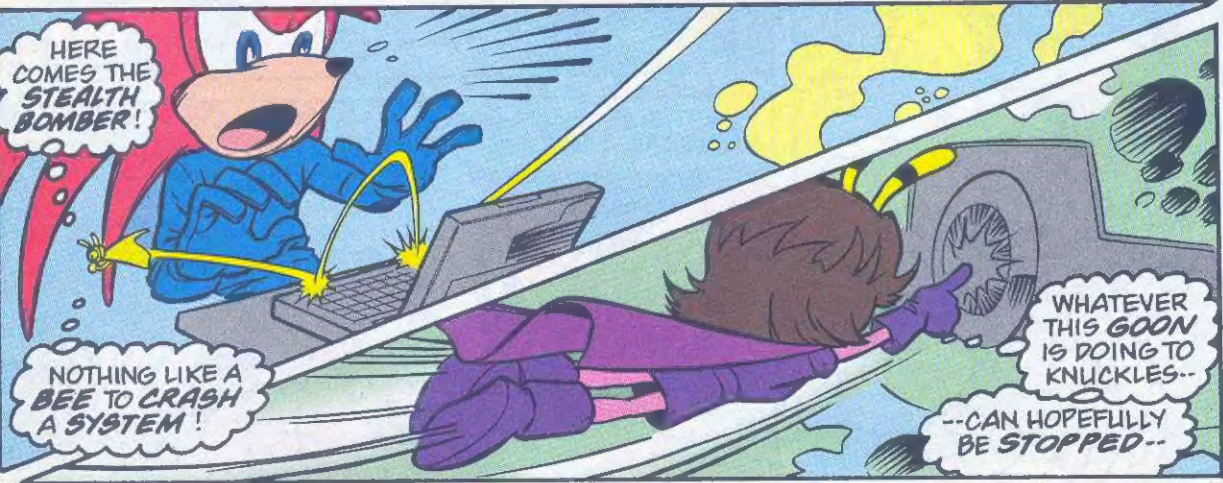
BETTER KEEP MY EYE ON THE **BALL**, THOUGH!

OR **KEYBOARD**, IN THIS CASE!



DOESN'T LOOK LIKE I'LL GET ANOTHER **CHANCE**--

--SO I BETTER GET IT RIGHT THE **FIRST TIME**!

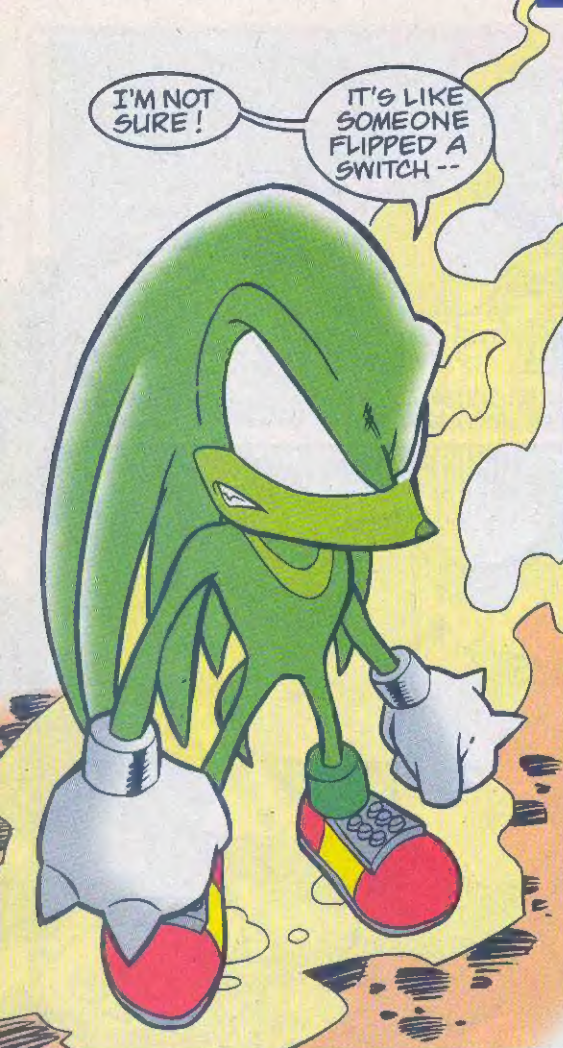


HERE COMES THE **STEALTH BOMBER**!

NOTHING LIKE A **BEE** TO CRASH A **SYSTEM**!

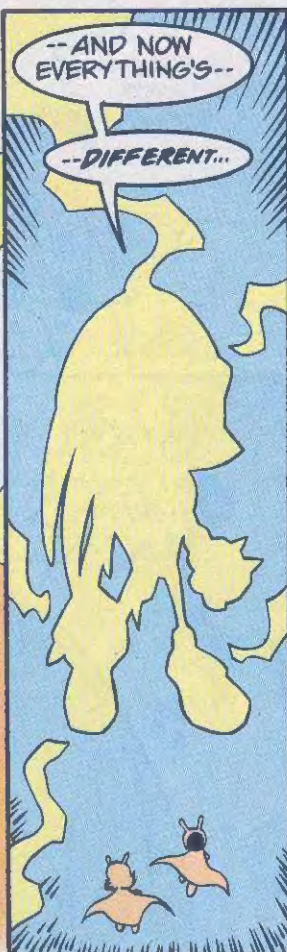
WHATEVER THIS **GOON** IS DOING TO KNUCKLES--

--CAN HOPEFULLY BE **STOPPED**--



I'M NOT SURE!

IT'S LIKE SOMEONE FLIPPED A SWITCH --



--AND NOW EVERYTHING'S--

--DIFFERENT...



WHAT HAPPENED? WERE WE **SUCCESSFUL**?

I'M AFRAID NOT, GALA-NA!

IF ANYTHING, I THINK WE JUST WENT FROM **BAD TO WORSE**!

HOPEFULLY, THE **WEASELS** WILL STILL BE IN COMMUNICATIONS RANGE!

THIS IS **GALA-NA TONIC AND NACK**--

--I WOULD LIKE TO **CONTRACT YOUR SERVICES** ONCE AGAIN!

WE SAW THE **FIREWORKS** FROM UP HERE!

I THINK WE'LL **PASS ON THIS ONE**!



NOW **WHAT?**

NEXT: HOW ABOUT... THE CHOSEN ONE!